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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** 1/29/03 9:49AM  
**Subject:** Keep media free and competitive

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**From:** Pete LaRue  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 11:39PM  
**Subject:** Keep media open!

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Pete LaRue

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**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 10:21AM  
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Sincerely,

Brian

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I am a voter.  
 I am a citizen.  
 I am an educator.  
 I hold a PhD in business from Columbia University

Your represent me and my fellow citizens,

I ask you to just say NO to any possibility of increasing the  
 concentration of media ownership of any kind.

I am appalled by the continuing granting of monopoly licences to media  
 corporations. The practice goes against every tenet of protection that  
 the constitution tried to establish.

Please oppose any further changes that would allow media to be controlled  
 by single organizations. This is NOT free enterprise, it is the  
 government granting monopoly licenses. The 1996 Telecommunications act  
 was a gross malfeasance of justice.

Although I generally favor free enterprise, there is no such thing in the  
 broadcasting industry because the government grants monopoly licenses.

When you grant licenses, you must regulate those licenses in the public  
 interest.

Allowing broadcast media companies to merge with print media companies is  
 a very bad and dangerous idea that will come back to haunt every  
 politician and government official.

It will essentially give the power to control elections, news, and the  
 government to the most ruthless  
 corporations, some of which are not even American corporations. Review  
 your history. You will notice the problem first occurred in cities when  
 there was only one newspaper. Electronic media has expanded the scope,  
 but left the problem the same.

You must act now to insure that the press, and the rest of the media,

actually remains free and independent, not a monolithic privately controlled empire. You must take steps to break up these monolithic media empires.

Don't let it come back to haunt you

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Olney, PhD  
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p.s. If you are not fully aware of just how concentrated the media have already become, see:

**<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/giants/>**  
for the state of the media in 2 years ago. There have been additional mergers and acquisitions since.

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**To:** Mike Powell  
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Sincerely yours,

Mitchell Gass

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Todd Sutton

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Richard Lynch

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**Date:** 1/29/03 9:11PM  
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Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities, a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result. Consolidation of media ownership is already affecting the public's access to information in a profoundly negative way. Allowing further consolidation of news sources will only weaken our democracy.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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